

The Wethersfield Historic District Commission held a Public Hearing on August 25, 2015 at the Wethersfield Town Hall, Town Manager's Conference Room – First Floor, 505 Silas Deane Highway, Wethersfield, Connecticut.

Members Present: Robert Garrey, Chairperson
Douglas Ovian, Vice Chairperson
Mark Raymond, Clerk
Chris Lyons
Jennifer Wolf
John Aforismo, Alternate
Daniel Bucknam, Alternate

Members Absent: Damian Cregeau, Alternate

Also Present: Kristin Stearley, Historic District Coordinator
Linda Messina, Recording Secretary

Commissioner Garrey called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM, and read the opening comments.

APPLICATION NO. 4422-15. 1519 Jordan Lane LLC seeks to retain the design changes made to the new construction house which include the location, size, and number of windows on the east, south and west elevations, dimensional changes to the garage and the dimensional changes to the chimney at 19 Jordan Lane. (Tabled at the August 11, 2015 meeting. The last date to act is September 22, 2015.)

Rich Rotundo, Rotundo Developers, 838 Brook Street, Rocky Hill, and Thomas Cook, Project Manager, 838 Broad Brook Road, Rocky Hill, appeared before the Commission. New drawings and photos were submitted. They will eliminate the garage window over the garage doors on the front of the building. The homeowner likes the way it looks without the window. The cupola will be the same height or slightly lower than the roof of the main house. The chimney was enlarged and the brick veneer will be in the color Peppermill. The rear man door on the garage will have two panels and nine lights. The garage doors will be the same as those on 15 Jordan Lane. The rear stairs will be wood instead of brick and constructed to look the same as 15 Jordan Lane and the front steps will have a bluestone cap over the brick to look like the front steps at 15 Jordan Lane.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application.

Max Polakowski, 104 Bailey Road, Rocky Hill, asked a question about the application.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone else wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

APPLICATION NO. 4424-15. Shrinivas Bangalore and Sunitha Mahabaleshwara seek to amend Certificate of Appropriateness Number 4388-15 to change the roof on the addition from a shed design at 104 Harmund Place.

Shrinivas Bangalore and Sunitha Mahabaleshwara, 104 Harmund Place, appeared before the Commission. New plans were submitted. They would like to change the roof on the addition from a shed design to a gable design.

Commissioner Garrey asked whether there was anyone wishing to speak in favor or in opposition to this application. There being no one, this portion of the hearing was declared closed.

Upon motion by Commissioner Lyons seconded by Commissioner Raymond, and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to close the public hearing on all applications and to open the public meeting.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Raymond, Wolf

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Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Ovian stated that removing the window makes enough of a difference.

Commissioner Lyons stated that he hates to lose a window, but the change does fool the eye.

Commissioner Garrey stated that he prefers the change to the alternative. It is not inappropriate. It's not a historic house – it's a new house.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons Abstain: Raymond, Wolf

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Upon motion by Commissioner Raymond seconded by Commissioner Garrey and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the application as submitted.

Discussion

Commissioner Garrey stated that it's a rear facing change. It's a nice change.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Raymond Abstain: Wolf

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Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Lyons and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to APPROVE the minutes of the August 11, 2015 meeting as submitted.

Aye: Ovian, Lyons, Aforismo, Bucknam

OTHER BUSINESS

Public Comments on General Matters of the Historic District

Tom Kennedy, 138 Broad Street, discussed the plans for the railings, paved driveway and the landscaping at 107 Garden Street. They would like approval for a temporary CO.

Report of the Historic District Coordinator

The photo survey has not been started. Kristin is trying to contact Peter Gillespie to get an update.

Commissioner Garrey welcomed Jennifer Wolf back to the Historic District Commission.

Correspondence

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Ovian, seconded by Commissioner Wolf and a poll of the Commission, it was voted to ADJOURN the meeting at 8:22 PM.

Aye: Garrey, Ovian, Lyons, Raymond, Wolf, Aforismo, Bucknam

Respectfully Submitted

TOWN OF WETHERSFIELD
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION

Mark Raymond
- Clerk -